

EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) (NO. 4) ORDER, 2020

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EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) REGULATIONS, 2020 (CHAPTER 34)

EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19) (NO. 4) ORDER, 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) Regulations, 2020, I HEREBY make the following Order for every island and cay in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas —

1. Citation and commencement.

- (1) This Order may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Covid 19)(No. 4) Order, 2020.
- (2) This Order shall come into force on Thursday the 28th day of May, 2020.

2. Curfew.

The curfew imposed under the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) (No. 2) Order, 2020 (*S.I. No. 27 of 2020*), and continued under the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) (No. 3) Order, 2020 (*S.I. No. 64 of 2020*) remains in effect every day for twenty-four hours except as provided herein or as may be approved by the Commissioner of Police.

3. Public Service.

- (1) All persons employed within the public service, unless specifically designated as essential workers in order 6 or designated by the permanent secretary of any Ministry as essential workers, shall work remotely from home.
- (2) All persons employed within the public service who are so designated as essential workers by the permanent secretary of the respective Ministry shall report to their place of work.

4. Operation of businesses and exceptions.

- (1) An establishment or business —
 - (a) is permitted to operate with essential staff only and in accordance with Part A of the *First Schedule*.
 - (b) except those listed in Part B of the *First Schedule*, may continue operations by utilizing delivery or curbside pickup in accordance with the criteria set out in Part C of the *First Schedule*.
- (2) Every establishment or business situate in any Family Island listed in the *Second Schedule* is permitted to open.
- (3) For the avoidance of doubt, all restaurants, bars (except restaurants offering curbside service and delivery) gyms, hair salons, barbershops,

cinemas, cultural and entertainment facilities shall remain closed on the islands of Bimini, Grand Bahama and New Providence.

- (4) A business may continue operations —
 - (a) by allowing its employees to work remotely from home utilizing virtual means;
 - (b) where necessary, in house, with a limited number of employees designated as being essential workers under order 6.
- (5) Every establishment or business permitted to operate under this Order shall do so subject to orders 5 and 7.

5. Physical distancing protocols.

- (1) Every person shall practice physical distancing between themselves and others who are not of the same household of no less than six feet whenever he is away from his residence.
- (2) Every business establishment must —
 - (a) ensure that all customers and staff maintain physical distancing between themselves and others of no less than six feet in or outside the business;
 - (b) determine the number of persons that may be permitted in the establishment at any one time by permitting one person for every thirty square feet of store space;
 - (c) have distance markers six feet apart, indicating where each customer must stand on a line at a check out point;
 - (d) have distance markers six feet apart on the outside of the establishment, indicating where customers must stand while waiting to enter the establishment.

6. Shelter in place during curfew.

- (1) Every person shall remain confined to their place of residence (inclusive of their yard space) during the curfew to avoid contact outside of their family except —
 - (a) essential workers, who are required to report to work;
 - (b) employees of an establishment or business authorised to operate under order 4; and
 - (c) for essential travel to any establishment or business permitted to operate in accordance with order 4.
- (2) For the purposes of this order, an “essential worker” includes essential officers of —
 - (a) The Royal Bahamas Police Force;

- (b) The Royal Bahamas Defence Force;
 - (c) Fire Services;
 - (d) the Department of Correctional Services;
 - (e) the National Insurance Board;
 - (f) the Ministry of Social Services;
 - (g) the Department of Environmental Health Services;
 - (h) the Department of Immigration;
 - (i) the Customs Department;
 - (j) waste disposal and sanitation companies;
 - (k) any hospital, public health care or medical facility;
 - (l) essential officers of any water, electricity or other sector encompassing the provision of electronic communications including print and electronic media;
 - (m) Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority; and
 - (n) the Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre.
- (3) All essential workers shall at all times carry a government issued identification.

7. Requirement to wear face mask.

- (1) Every person who leaves his residence shall, while away from his residence, wear a face mask, which fits securely to his face, covering his nose and mouth.
- (2) Every establishment or business shall —
 - (a) deny entry to any person not wearing a face mask described in paragraph (1);
 - (b) ensure that its employees are fitted with face masks described in paragraph (1) at all times when in the presence of other employees or customers.

8. Requirement to carry government issued identification.

Every person who leaves his residence in accordance with the provisions of this order, shall carry with him a government issued identification and shall produce the same for inspection when required to do so by a peace officer.

9. Provision of care in homes and residential care facilities.

- (1) Any person desirous of —
 - (a) conducting home visits for the purpose of providing medical, therapeutic or other patient care;

- (b) providing care in a residential care establishment or facility, must submit to the Chief Medical Officer —
 - (i) a valid government issued identification;
 - (ii) a current residential address, telephone number and other contact information;
 - (iii) evidence of training and certification to provide medical or therapeutic care;
 - (iv) details regarding the care to be provided and contact information for current patients or clients, and undergo infection control protocol training provided by the Ministry of Health prior to providing any care.
- (2) A person referred to in paragraph (1), may be required by the Chief Medical Officer to undergo Covid 19 testing from time to time.
- (3) Upon satisfaction of meeting the requirements of paragraph (1), the Chief Medical Officer may issue a letter authorising a person referred to in paragraph (1), to provide medical, therapeutic or other patient care by home visit or in a residential care establishment or facility.
- (4) No person shall permit a healthcare worker or caregiver to enter his home or a residential care establishment facility unless that healthcare worker or caregiver produces a letter of authorisation issued by the Chief Medical Officer in accordance with paragraph (3).

10. Schools and other educational institutions.

- (1) All schools and educational institutions shall remain closed.
- (2) Paragraph (1) does not prohibit schools and education institutions by electronic or virtual means.

11. Religious instruction.

- (1) All places of religious instruction shall remain closed.
- (2) Subject to orders 5 and 7, paragraph (1) does not prohibit individual attendance at a place of religious instruction for private individual prayer or the conduct of any religious service or instruction by virtual means.

12. Restriction on social or sporting activities.

- (1) Unless otherwise exempted in Part D of the *First Schedule*, no person shall host or attend —
 - (a) a private party which includes any person from outside of the immediate household of the house occupant;
 - (b) a recreational or competitive sporting event;

- (c) a wedding which hosts ten or more persons other than the bride, bridegroom, the required two witnesses and the marriage officer;
 - (d) a banquet, ball or reception;
 - (e) any social event;
 - (f) any other ceremony of public worship in any facility or public place which involves the participation of any member of the general public or a congregation;
 - (g) a funeral, except ten members of the immediate family and at least one officiant and essential mortuary staff; or
 - (h) a meeting of a fraternal society, private or social club or civic association or organization.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a person may engage in outdoor exercise, whether alone or together with family members living under the same roof, between the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., provided that the exercise is conducted in his immediate neighbourhood provided that such person must ensure at all times to distance himself at least six feet from any other person.

13. Restriction on international travel.

- (1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling and suppressing the spread of Covid 19 —
- (a) no aircraft shall be permitted to bring any passengers into The Bahamas;
 - (b) all ports of entry shall be closed to regional and international seafaring and private boating;
 - (c) except with the prior written permission of the Bahamas Maritime Authority, no regional or international commercial vessel shall berth at any port; and
 - (d) no visitor shall be permitted to enter and disembark for any reason, including transiting through The Bahamas.
- (2) The restriction contained in paragraph (1) does not apply to —
- (a) outgoing flights or outgoing ships, as the case may be;
 - (b) cargo flights or cargo ships, as the case may be;
 - (c) commercial courier flights;
 - (d) emergency medical flights;
 - (e) emergency flights approved by the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority;
 - (f) aircrafts, without any incoming passengers, operating for the sole purpose of evacuating persons from The Bahamas, provided that the pilot stays with the aircraft at all times while in The Bahamas; and

- (g) incoming flights for the purpose of returning citizens and legal residents of The Bahamas in accordance with the protocol set forth in Part E of the *First Schedule*.
- (3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(d), a person aboard a pleasure craft which has been anchored offshore in Bahamian waters for at least fourteen days, shall be permitted to disembark at a port in The Bahamas to conduct routine business, and while in The Bahamas, shall adhere to the requirements of physical distancing and wearing of face masks pursuant to orders 5 and 7, respectively.

14. Restriction on domestic travel.

- (1) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), no person shall offer for hire or seek to travel on any —
 - (a) mail boat, sailing inter island, except for transport of freight; or
 - (b) inter island private commercial sea transport, other than a ferry service —
 - (i) within a chain of islands which is a part of any family island;
 - (ii) to and from Harbour Island for the delivery of pharmaceuticals; and
 - (iii) to and from Bimini, for the transport of essential workers;
 - (c) commercial or general aviation aircraft, flying inter island except for a medical emergency, the transport of freight or the transportation of persons as specified in paragraph (3) or (4), operated by —
 - (i) an Air Operator Certificate (AOC) holder; or
 - (ii) a general aviation aircraft owner or pilot.
- (2) No aircraft shall be permitted to land at, or depart from, any Family Island airport except for —
 - (a) a flight referred to in paragraph (1)(c); or
 - (b) any other flight,as approved in writing by the Director of the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority, prior to departure from any airport.
- (3) A person who resides —
 - (a) in New Providence or Grand Bahama, and is returning to New Providence or Grand Bahama from any of the Family Islands listed in the *Second Schedule*;
 - (b) in any of the Family Islands listed in the *Second Schedule* and is travelling from New Providence or Grand Bahama to any of the Family Islands listed in the *Second Schedule*,

may travel inter island by air or sea where he has been issued a valid travel authorisation card in accordance with order 15.

- (4) A person who resides in any of the Family Islands listed in the *Second Schedule* shall be authorised to travel to and from another Family Island listed in the *Second Schedule*.
- (5) The Competent Authority may vary any of the requirements above by Order.

15. Travel authorisation card.

- (1) Except for a person referred to in order 14(4), no person shall travel or attempt to travel inter island without being in possession of a valid travel authorisation card.
- (2) A person desirous of travelling inter island shall apply for a travel authorisation card by —
 - (a) registering with the Ministry of Health; and
 - (b) submitting to a medical examination.
- (3) A medical examination referred to in paragraph (2)(b) shall consist of a physical examination conducted by a physician authorised by the Ministry of Health and a risk assessment questionnaire to determine the applicant's risk level.
- (4) Where the results of the medical examination indicates to the physician that —
 - (a) the applicant is low risk for contracting Covid 19, the physician shall —
 - (i) report his assessment to the Ministry of Health and recommend the issuance of a travel authorisation card; and
 - (ii) where the physician considers it necessary, refer the applicant to the Ministry of Health to be tested for Covid 19;
 - (b) the applicant is high risk for contracting Covid 19, the physician shall —
 - (i) report his assessment of the applicant to the Ministry of Health; and
 - (ii) refer the applicant to the Ministry of Health to be tested for Covid 19.
- (5) The Ministry of Health may issue a travel authorisation card to an applicant —
 - (a) who has been assessed as low risk; or
 - (b) whose results of the test administered under paragraph (4)(a)(ii) or (b)(ii) is negative.

- (6) Notwithstanding the issue of a travel authorisation card under paragraph (5), the Ministry of Health may —
 - (a) revoke the travel authorisation card; and
 - (b) require the holder of the travel authorisation card to reapply where it is suspected that the holder's risk assessment for contracting Covid 19 has changed to high.

16. Closure of occasional markets, parks and public beaches.

- (1) The Fish Fry situated at Arawak Cay and other occasional markets throughout The Bahamas shall remain closed.
- (2) The Potters Cay Dock and every other dock throughout The Bahamas shall remain closed to any commercial activity and sales of any thing to the general public, including fish, conch or any other such catch shall be prohibited.
- (3) All public beaches and parks are closed.

17. Restriction on road traffic.

- (1) No person shall drive a vehicle on any public or private road for a purpose other than travelling to a business, agency or establishment as provided in orders 4 and 6.
- (2) The Royal Bahamas Police Force shall have powers to stop any vehicle and inquire as to the purposes for which that vehicle is being utilized; and to arrest anyone found in violation of this restriction.
- (3) For the purposes of this Order, “vehicle” includes a motor vehicle or motor bike.

18. Public transportation.

No person shall offer for hire or seek to travel on any public bus transportation.

19. Restriction on visitation.

No person shall visit or be permitted to visit —

- (a) any place of quarantine or isolation station;
- (b) a patient in a hospital or residential care establishment or facility;
- (c) a detainee in a correctional facility.

20. Littering.

- (1) No person shall dump on or otherwise deposit or leave any litter in any public place or open space.

- (2) For the purposes of this order, “litter” means anything whatsoever, including dust, dirt, oddments, leavings, waste paper, cigarette ends, bottles (whether empty or not), derelict vehicles, derelict vessels and any dead animal or carrion.

21. Penalty.

Any person, company or organization who contravenes any order given herein is liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding eighteen months or to both.

22. Guidelines.

The Competent Authority may issue guidelines to provide for further clarification on these Orders.

23. Validation.

Any act done in reliance on the notice issued by the Competent Authority on the Friday 22nd May, 2020 regarding the operation of certain establishments or businesses effective Monday 25th May, 2020 shall not be considered as a breach of any Order in force at the time of the act and is effective as if made under this Order.

24. Revocation of S.I. No. 64 of 2020.

The Emergency Powers (Covid 19)(No. 3) Order, 2020 is hereby revoked.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Order 4 (1))

PART A

PROVISIONS RELATING TO BUSINESSES

FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICES

- (1) Wholesale or retail grocery stores and Farmers' Markets from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., the first two shopping hours to be reserved for seniors, disabled persons and essential workers.
- (2) Wholesale bakeries and water production companies.
- (3) Drive thru or take away food vendors from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. but does not include roadside food vendors.
- (4) Groceries and non-alcoholic beverages mobile delivery services may operate during the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

- (5) (1) All —
 - (a) medical and dental practitioners and other health professionals shall be permitted to open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m to carry out routine and non-emergency medically required physical interaction with patients;
 - (b) hospitals shall continue to operate; and
 - (c) other medical facilities shall be permitted to open daily from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm.
- (2) Every medical practitioner, dental practitioner and health service professional and their non-professional employees shall, while carrying out interactions in accordance with paragraph (1)(a), wear personal protective equipment including masks and gloves and shall adhere to all hygienic requirements and the protocols established by the Bahamas Medical Association and the Ministry of Health.
- (3) All hospitals, medical facilities, medical and dental and other health service practices shall ensure —
 - (a) that all employees —
 - (i) are provided with personal protection equipment; and
 - (ii) strictly adhere, where possible, to the physical distancing protocols and mask wearing requirements of this Order;
 - (b) that there are adequate facilities available for washing and sanitizing of hands of all employees and patients.
- (6) Pharmacies are permitted to open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- (7) Medical supply establishments.
- (8) Subject to order 9, a person providing medical, therapeutic or other patient care whether in a person's home or in a residential care establishment or facility.

FUEL STATIONS

- (9) Gas stations in New Providence and the Family Islands except Abaco and Andros, from 6:00 am. to 5:00 p.m.

- (10) Gas stations in Abaco and Andros from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.

RELIGIOUS ADMINISTRATION

- (11) Church administrative offices Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

HOTELS

- (12) Hotels, excluding any casinos, spas, gyms, discotheques and restaurants therein, however such restaurants may offer take away or room service.

IMPORT/EXPORT

- (13) Commercial ports and related businesses from 6:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
(14) Airports subject to Order 13(1)(a).
(15) Commercial courier flights.

ELECTRONIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

- (16) (a) Two Way Radio Communications system providers; and
(b) Electronic communications or Technology service providers and IT support businesses,
shall be allowed to operate during the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm or when needed in an emergency provided that the above entities shall not be open to the general public, but shall provide business to business support to its various clients remotely or on call, as may be required.
(17) Businesses engaged in the repair and maintenance or the provisioning of ATM machines.

FARMING, HORTICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES RESOURCE

- (18) Farms including hydroponic farms with or without live animals may operate during the hours between 6:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. but shall not be open to the general public.

- (19) Plant nurseries in New Providence, on Monday to Friday between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- (20) Animal husbandry – feeding and tending livestock for human consumption may operate during the hours between 6:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. but shall not be open to the general public.
- (21) Nassau Humane Society and Humane Society of Grand Bahama.
- (22) Veterinarians may operate on call and as needed to service their clients and only open the office on an emergency basis.
- (23) National Park wardens on call and only when needed.
- (24) Fishing —
 - (a) Subsistence Fishing by no more than one person or not more than two members of an immediate family during daylight hours and not later than 8:00 p.m.;
 - (b) Commercial fishing for domestic consumption only. All product must be taken directly to a processing plant and may only be sold to a wholesale distributor or grocery store, and not to the general public.
- (25) Harvesting of land crabs on the islands listed in the *Second Schedule*.

JUDICIARY

- (26) Judicial Officers acting in the course of their judicial duties.
- (27) Staff of the Office of the Judiciary who have been designated in writing as an essential worker by the Chief Justice only when acting in the course of their duties.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- (28) Law firms are permitted to operate Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- (29) Justices of the Peace are permitted to operate Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- (30) Any business that provides property management and landscaping services and/or maintenance services on Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm., provided that there is no contact with the general public.

- (31) Real estate agencies are permitted to operate Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 5:00p.m.

TRAVEL SERVICES

- (32) Rental car businesses may be open to the general public during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to allow only for the return of car rentals and the extension of any rental contracts that may be required in light of the Order.

OTHER SERVICES

- (33) Pet food stores.
- (34) Suppliers of cleaning chemicals may operate during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- (35) Janitorial and similar services supplied to businesses may operate during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to ensure that other businesses are sanitized and cleaned, as may be essential to its clients.
- (36) Pool maintenance and supplies businesses may operate during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or any lesser period as may be determined by such business.
- (37) Funeral homes and all public and private cemeteries.
- (38) Fabric stores between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 p.m.
- (39) Manufacturers of hygienic, surgical or face masks as approved by the Competent Authority, for sale by home delivery or sale to grocery stores, pharmacy and the medical profession between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.
- (40) Auto part stores, including mechanical work servicemen, on all islands except Bimini, on Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.
- (41) Auto dealerships shall be permitted to operated Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 am and 5:00 pm.
- (42) Hardware, lumber, plumbing, electrical stores, home and hurricane awnings and protection businesses, shall be permitted to operate on Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 pm.

- (43) Subject to construction industry protocols that cover transportation, the use of personal protective equipment, physical distancing, cleaning and disinfection protective and other measures, construction is permitted —
 - (a) in New Providence and Grand Bahama between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm; and
 - (b) in all other Family Islands.
- (44) The Bahamas Red Cross.
- (45) Freeport Container Port.
- (46) Freeport Harbour Company.
- (47) The Bridge Authority.
- (48) Cloud Carib Limited.
- (49) A business licensed to provide security guard services.
- (50) Laundromats, Monday to Friday between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- (51) Drycleaners, Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURERS

The following industrial manufacturers are permitted to open but only to maintain industrial equipment, conduct any essential business or service, and utilizing only essential workers:

- (52) Polymers International Ltd.
- (53) Grand Bahama Power Company.
- (54) Bradford Grand Bahama Limited.
- (55) PharmaChem Technologies G.B. Ltd.
- (56) Freeport Container Port Ltd, as already provided in Order 16(2)(c).
- (57) Bahama Rock - Martin Marietta.
- (58) Buckeye Bahamas Hub Ltd.
- (59) Grand Bahama Shipyard Ltd., (including the take away food service Antoni's located on the premises).
- (60) Bahamas Industrial Technologies Ltd.

- (61) Bahamian Brewery.
- (62) Freeport Aggregates Limited.
- (63) Quality Services Limited.

PERSONAL SERVICES

- (64) Non-Profit Organizations, Churches and Civic Organizations, utilizing only essential persons, who provide food packages to persons in need. The said entities may operate during the hours of 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

DIPLOMATIC COOPERATION

- (65) AUTECH Naval Base, OPBAT, Customs and Border Protection;
- (66) Consular Officers, Diplomatic Security Agents, Embassy and Security Personnel may operate during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or in an emergency, with the permission of the Commissioner of Police.

SECURITY SERVICES

- (67) Jacks Bay Development Ltd., may continue to operate to provide its in-house security;
- (68) Commonwealth Brewery may continue to operate only as needed to permit its security manager and other in house security personnel to secure sites and respond to any emergency as needed.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

- (69) Clearing banks and the Post Office Savings Banks may operate Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;
- (70) The Compliance Commission shall be permitted to operate Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 p.m.
- (71) Money transmission businesses, which are operating from premises which are stand alone, meaning that clients can enter without the need to go through another premises, and which are unconnected to, or to be found within, any other business premises, Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

- (72) Life, health and general insurance companies, broker and agents may open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- (73) Financial services, inclusive of accountants, Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

PART B
(Order 4(1)(b))
BUSINESSES EXCLUDED FROM PART C

The following establishments or businesses are not permitted to resume operation using the delivery and curbside pick up criteria set forth in Part C of this *Schedule* —

- (a) a gaming house operator

PART C
(Order 4(1)(b))
DELIVERY AND CURBSIDE CRITERIA AND PROTOCOLS

DELIVERY

A business resuming operations via delivery should meet the following criteria and protocols at a minimum —

- (a) utilize gloves and other protocols in handling and delivery of goods;
- (b) upon arrival at the customer's destination, the delivery person shall call, text or email the customer to announce delivery of the goods;
- (c) ensure that there is no person-to-person contact utilizing practices such as —
 - (i) leaving the delivery outside the door with the driver waiting an effective distance away from the door;
 - (ii) waiting at an effective distance away from the door to make a visual confirmation that the parcel has been received; and
 - (iii) taking an image of the customer collecting the package, as an additional precaution and to confirm receipt.

CURBSIDE PICKUP

A business resuming operations via curbside pick-up should meet the following criteria —

- (a) the customer shall place an order remotely, either through an online store, social media page, app or telephone;
- (b) the business shall issue an invoice to the customer and the customer shall pay by electronic or digital platform, or in cash at the time of pick up via placing the cash in an envelope in a secure bin provided by the business which must be sanitized after every use;
- (c) the business shall schedule a same day or other day pick up;
- (d) all orders shall be filled in store by essential staff, who must practise Covid 19 safety and physical distancing protocols;
- (e) staff must wear personal protection equipment while filling orders;
- (f) the customer will call the store when they are outside;
- (g) a member of staff of the business shall place the goods in the trunk of the customer's vehicle, if possible, while continuing to practice physical distancing at all times;
- (h) all customers are encouraged to remain in their vehicles.

PART D

(Order 12)

PERMITTED SOCIAL OR SPORTING ACTIVITIES

The following social activities are permitted —

- (a) training of professional and elite athletes

PART E

(Order 13(2)(g))

PROTOCOL FOR THE RETURN OF CITIZENS AND LEGAL RESIDENTS OF THE BAHAMAS

- (1) Any —
 - (a) citizen of The Bahamas;
 - (b) legal resident of The Bahamas; or
 - (c) home owner qualifying for economic permanent residency;
 - (d) the immediate family member or significant person, as approved by the Director, of any person referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c),shall be permitted entry into The Bahamas by international air travel to New Providence or Grand Bahama subject to the satisfaction of this protocol.

- (2) A person referred to in paragraph (1) who is desirous of returning to The Bahamas must make contact and register with the Bahamas Embassy or Consulate nearest to him.
- (3) A person referred to in paragraph (1), —
 - (a) shall be required —
 - (i) to undergo a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test administered by an accredited lab, prior to returning to The Bahamas; and
 - (ii) to submit or cause to be submitted to the Chief Medical Officer at the Ministry of Health, the results of the test together with his contact information;
 - (b) may be required to undergo a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test administered by the Ministry of Health upon arrival.
- (4) Any —
 - (a) aircraft or airline; or
 - (b) vessel,proposing to travel to New Providence or Grand Bahama to return a person referred to in paragraph (1), is required to apply to the Director General of The Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority or the Director of The Bahamas Maritime Authority for the necessary approvals prior to departure.
- (5) No aircraft or vessel referred to under paragraph (4) shall permit any person to board the aircraft or vessel without first being presented with —
 - (a) the test results referred to in paragraph (3)(a); or
 - (b) verification from the Ministry of Health that the person has been authorized for the test to be administered in accordance with paragraph (3)(b).
- (6) Every person returning to The Bahamas shall —
 - (a) be required to be quarantined for a period of fourteen days either at their residence or where that person is unable to safely quarantine at their residence, at a facility to be determined by the Ministry of Health; and
 - (b) be subject to mandatory quarantine verification monitoring by the Ministry of Health.

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Order 4(2))

An establishment or business situate in any of the Family Islands is permitted to continue or resume commercial activity subject to the requirements of orders 5 and 7.

Mayaguana
Inagua
Crooked Island
Acklins
Long Cay
Rum Cay
Ragged Island
Cat Island
Long Island
Abaco and its surrounding Cays
Andros

Made this 29th day of May, 2020



PRIME MINISTER